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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re:

Ex Parte Presentation

Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems

<u>CC</u> Docket No. 94-102

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. sent the attached letter to Saralyn Doty, 9-1-1 Administrator for the Mid-America Regional Council. Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, two copies of this letter and attachment are being filed with the Office of the Secretary.

Sincerely,

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Saralyn Doty 911 Coordinator Mid-America Regional Council 600 Broadway Kansas City, MO 64105-1554

Dear Ms. Doty:

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 26, 2003. We are delighted that all parties were ready and AWS was able to begin providing Phase II E911 service to the MARC PSAPs on March 28, 2003.

When we sent our draft certification notice to you on March 10, 2003, it was our understanding that MARC was having problems with its selective router software. As you are aware, the FCC requires carriers to provide PSAPs with 21 days notice before filing a certification regarding PSAP readiness with the FCC. Because we thought there was a chance that the MARC PSAPs might not be ready to receive Phase II service on March 31, 2003, we had to provide you with such notice by March 10, 2003 in order to protect ourselves from liability.

We wish to assure you that AWS did not send a "blanket" certification to MARC or any other PSAP. Rather, we engaged in a rigorous review of all outstanding PSAP requests and sent draft certification notices only to the few PSAPs that we believed might not be ready to receive and utilize Phase II information by the April 1, 2003 deadline set forth in our TDMA consent decree. We also identified in each such draft certification notice the specific reason we believed each PSAP might not be ready. In the case of MARC, our concerns involved the selective router issue identified above. Obviously, it is difficult to predict 21 days in advance whether such problems will be resolved in time to meet our deployment deadlines. We are pleased that with regard to MARC, our concerns turned out to be unfounded.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Peter White/mm

